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For: TITANIUM ALLOY MICROSTRUCTURAL REFINEMENT METHOD AND HIGH TEMPERATURE, HIGH STRAIN RATE SUPERPLASTIC FORMING OF TITANIUM ALLOYS

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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The Examiner has required Restriction to one of the following inventions in the above-identified Patent Application:

- I Claims 1-14, drawn to a method for refining the microstructure in titanium alloys containing boron in a single thermo-mechanical processing step wherein the boron-containing titanium alloy would have a fine-grained, equiaxed microstructure.
- II Claims 15-26, drawn to a method for achieving beta-phase superplasticity alloys containing boron comprising deforming under beta-phase strain rates and temperatures that correlate with the boron content in the alloy.